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PERSONAL.

E. G. Courten will leave for Florida soon. Ex-Mayor W. L. Connell was in Shamokin yesterday. J. Ben Dimmick entertained the Monday club at what Monday evening. Attorney M. A. McKinley left yesterday for Philadelphia to attend the Supreme court. Mrs. F. C. Fritz has returned from New York, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. N. R. Brown. County Treasurer Charles Schadt, Joseph Jermyn and E. Moses left yesterday for a trip through the west. Miss Bertha Powell, of Linden street, attended a social at the Moravian school, in Bethlehem, Monday night. Peter O'Boyle, of New York city, is visiting his cousin, Peter D. Niland, chief operator at the Telephone Exchange. Deputy City Treasurer P. J. Ruane went to Philadelphia yesterday to be present at the consecration of Bishop Prendergast. Fred Hatoon, vice-president and general manager of the Guarantee Stock Investment company of Washington, D. C., is the guest of M. C. Farnham, of Pine street. Mr. and Mrs. George Highfield celebrated the ninth anniversary of their marriage at their home last evening and entertained a number of their friends at progressive euchre. A party of priests from Scranton and vicinity have gone to Philadelphia to attend the consecration of Father Prendergast, of that city, who will be elevated to the episcopacy as assistant bishop of the archdiocese of Philadelphia. They are Rev. J. A. O'Reilly, of the cathedral; Rev. W. P. O'Donnell, of the North End; Rev. John Loughran, of Minooka, and Rev. J. A. Moditt, of the South Side. Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Rice last night entertained a large party of friends at cards. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. John Meare, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Megargel, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. William Siskim, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Penman, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Henwood, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Linde, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Seybolt, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Van Baskirk, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Bedford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles

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RECEIVED A SHOCK.

Electric Current Prostrates a Penn Avenue Hotel Man. Louis Rosenberg, of Rosenberg's Penn avenue hotel, was severely shocked by electricity while trying to regulate an arc light Monday night. Rosenberg mounted a step-ladder and supported himself by a gas fixture with one hand while with the other he attempted to move the lever regulating the light. A current shot through his body burning the hand near the light and one side of his face. He was thrown to the floor and was unconscious for several minutes.

WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED.

Board of Associated Charities Discusses the Best Method of Furnishing It—Other Business Transacted.

A meeting of the Associated Board of Charities was held last evening in the poor board's rooms in the city hall. Colonel E. H. Rippe, president of the board, presided. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and the presentation of the secretary's report, the resignation of Dr. Post, as the medical attendant of the board, was received. Dr. Post is about to leave the city.

The resignation was accepted and the board instructed Secretary Israel to draw up suitable resolutions of regret at the resignation of Mr. Post. The next matter that came before the board was the solution of the problem of how to provide work for the many unemployed men in the city. Mr. Moore, who had been constituted a committee to consult with the park commissioners with a view to providing employment for laborers in Kay Aug park, made his report. The commissioners agreed that if the Board of Associated Charities would pay \$150 out of its treasury for the payment of workmen, the commissioners would reimburse the board as soon as the park appropriation was out at their disposal. No action was taken regarding the proposition.

Some discussion followed this report, and it was suggested that when work on the projected railroad was begun, work could be provided for many men. Mr. Kinsley was selected to make inquiries regarding the railroad and the probability of furnishing work for unemployed men. He will report at the next meeting. Mr. Kinsley said that by next Monday the contractor of the road, which will be twelve miles long, would have 300 or 400 men at work and that before the road is completed in September, at least 1,000 men will be employed.

There are three or four members of the board who rarely attend the meetings of the board, and the active members believe these to be an embarrassment to the board. After the subject received some attention last evening, the secretary was instructed to communicate with the delinquent members and request them either to be more active or tender their resignation.

Among the cases reported by the board's agent, Mrs. Duggan, was that of Kate O'Neill. The board requested the press to publish the fact that Mrs. O'Neill was going about the city under the name of Mrs. Phillips, begging food and clothing and claiming to have three children. The board wished the public to be informed that she was entirely unworthy.

The report of the board's agent, Mrs. Duggan, was read, and stated that since the last meeting of the board, 26 cases had been investigated, out of which 17 were found to be worthy of aid and 9 unworthy. Work was provided for 7, and transportation for 1. Lodgings and meals were furnished for 3 and the same number were sent to the House of the Good Shepherd. During the meeting a member of the board requested a report from Mrs. Duggan regarding the man that applied for a husband. A report, generalized by the statement of "progress," included also a report to the effect that the prospective bride wished to meet the candidate for her husband a few times more before taking the serious step. After the transaction of miscellaneous business the board adjourned.

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Table with financial data: CASH IN BANK AND OFFICE, Real estate loans, Stock loans, etc.

TEN-ROUND BOUT ENDS IN A DRAW

Scranton and Philadelphia Lightweight Meet in the Ring.

VISITOR HAD THE BEST OF IT

Stephen Judge, of this City, and Martin Judge Were Contestants—Wrangle About the Proceeds Introduced the Fight and Made It a Fast Entertainment—Each Round Saw Plenty of Exchanges.

Over 100 admirers of the manly art witnessed a fast 10-round glove contest last night in Howley's hall between the two lightweights, Stephen Judge, of this city, and Martin Judge, of Philadelphia. The Philadelphia lad proved his superiority and might have had the less experienced Scrantonian out in two more rounds, but a draw had been agreed upon in case both men were up and willing to continue after the tenth round, and the decision was a draw in accordance with the agreement. It was a bitter fight from the beginning, but was marred by two circumstances, the disposition of both men to clinch and the certainty that the Scranton Judge was outclassed.

Over an hour was consumed in a quibble over the receipts, the Philadelphia holding out for his guarantee of \$75 and expenses. The proceeds at \$1 per admission would leave little or nothing for the Scranton and the exhibition, and the latter debated a long while in their efforts to get the Philadelphia to waive a point or two. A compromise was finally hit upon



whereby M. Judge was to receive \$50 and expenses and the contest was to be limited to ten rounds instead of fifteen as originally announced.

WENT AT IT IN EARNEST.

The wrangle only served to embitter the pair, and they opened the ball at 7:30 o'clock, each anxious to get even by putting the other out in a minute. E. J. Coleman was selected as the ring as referee and "Al" Rose and "Joe" Driesen timekeepers. Three-minute rounds with one-minute rests were fought. A 24-foot rope and post ring was used. During the afternoon Stephen Judge had weighed in at 127½ and the other at 124½ pounds, another cause of the preliminary and justified kicking by the Philadelphia, as the limit had been set at 125. When the pair entered the ring the experts picked the foreigner as a winner on account of his greater muscular development and apparent condition, though the Scrantonian had the advantage in reach, height and reach. The former wore knee-tights and the latter a breech-cloth.

In S. Judge's corner were his brother, James Judge, and John Tighe. Behind the Quaker City lad were "Joe" Leonard, of Philadelphia, and "Pat" Hopkins, of this city. At the beginning Stephen Judge, fighting, did most of the leading and seemed rather too ready to get into what appeared to be his opponent's low, open, and inviting style of defense. He was on the offensive, and rushed did he land more than an occasional light and straight left lead. In return he got the shoulder and short arm body blows that took much of his wind before many rounds had been fought.

RUSHING AVOIDED NOT.

Stephen's rushing tactics availed him nothing and were discouraged after the first round, the Philadelphia using with good effect either his right or left on the body. In the fourth round the Scrantonian came to the scratch with a little more caution. He was on the defensive, however, but fared about as badly at long distance as he had in the preceding rounds. Rarely in the counters did he get the best of it. Toward the close of the round there was a series of clutches which had featured the opening and which followed nearly every exchange up to the close of the battle. The Philadelphia was doing the leading in the fifth and in the sixth round Stephen's own rushing game. The latter came up for the seventh, with his steam slightly increased and disposed to do the leading, but was always met with the short arm swings and body punches that featured the fight throughout.

Martin landed a left swing at the opening of the eighth and Stephens by ducking avoided the same kind of medicine from the right. Stephens' straight lefts were weak and for one he got an upper cut, followed by a straight right punch on the corner which gave the Quaker first class. When the round closed the Scrantonian had received much the worst of it. Each man started to mix it up in the ninth. Martin landed several swings and sent Stephen to his corner with his chances for lasting decidedly questionable. The Scrantonian had lapped in the tenth and final round apparently much refreshed and full of courage. He was weak, however, and could make use of but straight left jabs in opposition to the Philadelphia's continued swings and body punches. When time was called it appeared fortunate for the Scrantonian that the last round had been fought. Drug Clerk. Wanted—Bright, active Q. A. or Reg. Pharm. No Sunday work. State age and salary enclosed. Central Drug Store, Montross, Pa.

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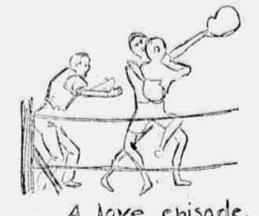
Will Probably Be Inserted in the School D districts Policies.

The plan of the board of control to reduce the insurance on the school buildings to 40 per cent. of the actual value may not after all be an economical move. The fire underwriters will not, it is said, agree to continue the present easy terms given the school district if this plan is put into force. At present the buildings are insured for a figure that about represents their full value. In consideration of this and the fact that the advantages of the longest term policy, five years, are given the district. Now, the insurance men say, they will have to attach the co-insurance clause to all the policies and raise the rate of the premiums.

USED A RED NECKTIE.

Fakir McGrath Tried to Hang Himself With His Four-in-Hand in the Police Station.

D. J. McGrath, alias Walter Wilson, a fakir, made an unsuccessful effort shortly after 7 o'clock last evening to end his life by hanging himself to the



bars in cell 19, central police station, where he had been placed a few minutes before.

McGrath used a strong four-in-hand tie, which he wore. In his attempt to hang himself, he twisted the tie around his neck and made a knot of one end around a bar of the cell. Then he raised his feet and hung there. A prisoner in the next cell heard the unusual preparation and when "McGrath" swung off this prisoner yelled for the police.

Policemen Day and Sloan opened the door of cell 19 and tore the tie string from the bars. McGrath was unconscious. He soon came around all right, but he was handcuffed to the cell for the rest of the night. He was arrested on the corner of Spruce and Penn by Patrolman Bloch at the instigation of Rev. James McLeod, who accused McGrath of selling "immoral literature."

The "literature" consists of a number of books of the novelties known as kitescope pictures. McGrath has been about the city for several months. He is a young man whose home is in Wilkes-Barre. At times he has sold songs, etc.

SHOOTING MATCH AT DUNMORE.

First Prize Won by John Watres, Who Made a Score of 70.

There was a closely contested shooting match at the Dunmore rifle range Monday which was participated in by about twenty well known marksmen. The first prize was won by John Watres; second by M. W. Chamberlain; third by A. Gene. The scores were as follows: John Watres, 70; M. W. Chamberlain, 69; A. Gene, 67; Old Vet, 67; T. Gaynard, 65; G. Williams, 64; E. Haen, 53; A. Trodell, 63; William Vety, 52; F. Tisdell, 52; Mr. Greening, 51.

Burned About the Face.

Denny B. Jordan, of 1200 Pittston avenue, while at work at the blast furnace yesterday noon was burned severely about the face. He was removed to the Moses Taylor hospital, where it was stated last night that he would recover quickly.

DESPERATE CRIME OF MICHAEL CANNON

Tried to R. b John Lippi and Then Shot Him in the Stomach.

HIS CONDITION IS VERY DANGEROUS

After Shooting Lippi the Highwayman Was Pursued by a Large Crowd—He Forged the Lackawanna River and Then Drove His Revolver and Fired at His Pursuers—Captured in the Engine House at the William A. Colliery.

Michael Cannon, a young man 29 years of age, whose parents reside on the South Side, of this city, was lodged in the county jail at 10 o'clock last night by Deputy Constable Joseph R. Burns, of Old Forge, and ex-Constable Matthew Beane, of the same place. The charges on the commitment are carrying concealed weapons and pointing firearms, but he may have the much more serious charge of murder to answer. His victims is John Lippi, who resides at 248 Luzerne street, this city.

At 5:30 last evening Cannon met Lippi on the public highway at Babylon, near the Luzerne county line, a place that has become notorious for lawless deeds. Cannon demanded 50 cents from Lippi, and when it was refused he tried to take the money from Lippi by force. During the scuffle Cannon drew a revolver and fired, the bullet entering Lippi's stomach. He was taken into an adjoining house, where Dr. Myers attended him. Lippi later was removed to his home on Luzerne street, where it was stated last night that slight hopes of his recovery were entertained.

CANNON WAS PURSUED.

A number of persons saw Cannon shoot Lippi, and they gave chase. Cannon fled in the direction of the Lackawanna river and when he reached it waded across, and on emerging from the water drew his revolver and fired several shots at his pursuers, who fired the opposite bank. None of these shots took effect. His pursuers crossed the river and Cannon fled to the William A. Colliery of the Connell Coal company, at Duryea, and forced the Engineer, John Thornton, to leave the room at the point of his revolver. He fired two shots at two Italian boys who ventured close to the engine house. This action later on almost caused serious consequences for him.

Ex-Constable Beane secured a warrant for Cannon's arrest from Justice of the Peace Brodhead and went to the engine house to arrest the desperado. He found him crouched in the pit under the drum of the hoisting engine and pulled him out, but not before Cannon had again made use of his gun. By this time, however, all of the cartridges had been discharged.

GIVEN A HEARING.

Cannon was taken before Justice Brodhead, who committed him to the county jail. After the hearing was over the prisoner grabbed his revolver, which lay on the desk of the justice, and it was with some difficulty that Constable Burns took it away from him. He was handcuffed and taken to the county jail in this city.

Cannon is known as a desperate character when in his cups. Last summer he was arrested on a charge of robbery. After his arrest last night some difficulty was experienced in keeping Cannon beyond the reach of the large crowd that had pursued him, who were bent on administering summary punishment.

AMUSEMENTS.

Shakespearean plays will be given at the Academy of Music tonight and tomorrow night by Eilhu R. Spencer and his company. Tonight Mr. Spencer will be seen as Shylock in the "Merchant of Venice," and on the following night he will essay the role of Iago in "Othello." Mr. Spencer will be remembered as being here last year as one of the three, Hanford, Spencer and O'Brien. Miss Isabel Pengra will appear as Portia in the "Merchant of Venice" tonight, and as Desdemona in "Othello" Thursday.

The Al G. Field Minstrel company of seventy clever people will be the attraction at the Academy of Music Friday evening. The excellence of the entire production, the large and brilliant ensemble, and the up-to-date-ness of everything, are the characteristics that will impress everybody who goes to see this really notable production.

tion. The company embraces the names of some of America's foremost comedians and specialty artists, among whom are Arthur Rigby, Neil O'Brien, Matt Diamond, Doc Quigley, Eddie Fox, Bros. Mohring, Clayton and Jenkins, Ollie Young, Will Walling, John Norton, Harry Sheldon, Eddie Bogert and Al G. Field.

The most popular pastoral play that was ever written comes to the Academy next Saturday afternoon and evening, and "Uncle Josh" and his cortege of country folks will doubtless meet with a welcome heartier than is usually accorded them in view of the fact that this is "The Old Home-steads" last season. In celebration of its proposed retirement the old favorite appears in a new dress and is said to be more beautiful than ever before. "Uncle Joshua Whitcomb," who re-creates clever and comical interpretations through Archie Boyd, is the same model of guileless simplicity and the rest of the characters have lost none of their old time flavor in the hands of the same people who have been seen here so many times. The far famed double male quartette, headed by Dick Jose, will render the old-fashioned melodies.

With the knowledge that the public must be given a strong incentive during the attendant dull times, Manager Davys has selected for his next three days' attraction, commencing Feb. 25, at Davy's theater, Fields & Hason's Drawing Cards, an aggregation of the representative vaudeville artists of American, further strengthened by the addition of several imported novelties. The headlines of the company are those exceptionally clever musical comedians, Fields & Hason, who are the famous authors of musical minstrelsy. Other favorites who contribute considerably to the successful presentation of an excellent programme are John and Margaret Fields, George E. Austin, Meeker & Mack, the two Nibbles and the Waite sisters.

Among the marriage licenses granted yesterday was one to Joseph Skimuta and Petronia Stenpinkavchustaski, of this city. Any one knowing any reason why she should not change her name may step up and make it known.

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